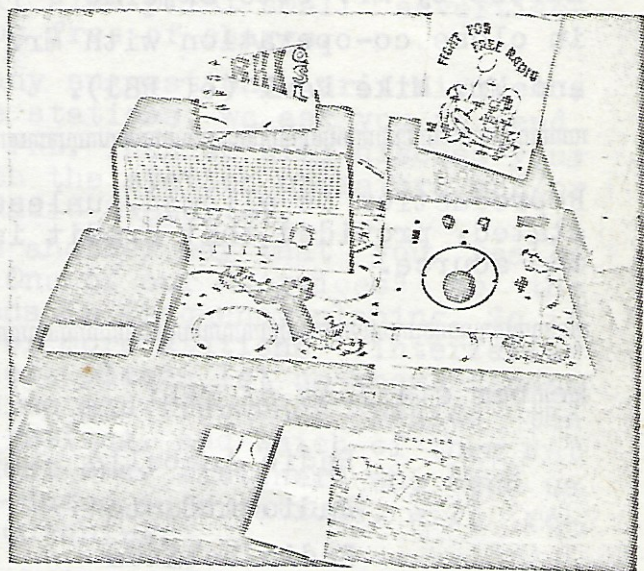


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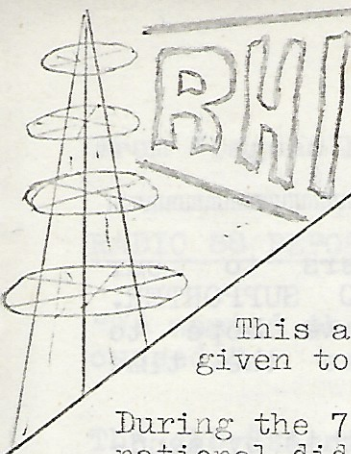
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looks back on a disappeared
greatness.....

This article is based on informations
given to us by DJ Mike Paul of RHI. Tnx.

During the 7 months that Radio Hit International did exist it manage to become one the best known Hobby Pirate Stations. The DX-magazines did frequent RHI when writeing about pirate radio. It was really a greatness on the pirate radio scene.

Radio Hit International first started broadcasting on MW, on a QRG slightly above 1600 kHz, in the beginning of May 1973. Soon the operators found out that a SW channel would be better, since only 9 reception reports were received so far.

On the 17. June '73 RHI started its SW transmissions in the 48 m.b., and the number of reception reports increased heavily. Since then the station has reseived more than 200 reception reports from listeners in 8 different countries. RHI was on the air every Sunday at around 1000 hrs. GMT on various frequencies in the 48 m.b.

Radio Hit International stopped transmitt ing on the 11. Nov. '73, and had at that time no plans to resume broadcasting. However, on the 16. Des. the station was again heard on the air, and did broadcast until the early beginning of this year.

The transmitter that was used by RHI was equiped with only one tube: S 321. The transmitter could be used on frequencies between 5750 and 9000 kHz, and the power was

20 watts. RHI broadcasted programmes in the Dutch, German, English and now and then also in the Norwegian language. DX-programmes were broadcasted fourthnightly, and were produced by the German DX Club Internat..

Finally, we want to add that RHI was not raided by the GPO, but stopped transmitting because of fear from being detected.

NEWS IN BRIEF

ON THE PIRATE RADIO SCENE

Radio ATLANTA will soon increase power to 140 watts. They have recently also changed their programme style to a Free Radio information show.

Radio POLAR (International) can be heard on Sundays on 6225 kHz at 1000 GMT. Soon there is going to be some major changes at RPI. We hope to return to this in the next edition of Free Radio Supporter.

According to some DX-bulletins lately, there is a station named Radio HIT NORTH broadcasting from Norway. This piece of information is NOT correct! The "Hit North" project was only plans which never became reality. The QTH was not Norway, either.

Last minute information:

Radio FREE NEDERLAND and Radio ATLANTA WEST have also joined the FRL.

From "Dagens Nyheter", Stockholm, 13.Feb.'74:

RADIO 88 BEFORE COURT:

"We wanted the radio monopoly to be discussed."

The old Östermalms police station in Storgatan, Stockholm, was a Sunday last year changed to a transmitting location for Radio 88. The young radio pirates needed an undisturbed place for transmitting, and moved into the abolished police station during the hour when the evening transmissions was on the air.

The abolished police station was one of the locations the prosecutor recounted when the trial against Radio 88 was proseeded in the court of Stockholm on Tuesday.

Radio 88, who call themselves "The Free local radio of Stockholm" and who want to be an alternative to Radio Sweden, appeared winter 1972.

Brought to an end in May

They allways transmitted on Sundays between 9 and 10 pm and weekly during last spring.

But it ended one day in May, when the people from the GPO caught a 28 year old troubadour red handed.

Those who now were prosecuted for breaking the radio determinations was the troubadour, a 23 year old youngster and a 26 year old woman who let the radio pirates use her flat in Söder so that they should manage to enter a roof with their antennas and

transmitting equipment.

The youngster, according to the prosecutor, had built the transmitter that was later "used without permission for radio transmissions in Solna and Stockholm". For not being raided they often moved around. The police station was used once - later they used various locations in Stockholm and in its vicinity.

At the police examinations, the youngster has admitted that he built the equipment and even took part in the transmissions.

Admitted everything

During the prosecution he even said:

- The first examination was held when I was ill at home. The other was held at the police station. I was heavily cross-questioned, and being afraid of apprehension, I admitted everything.

- I have, however, known about the activity. The person who built the transmitter had placed it in the house where I lived. The transmitter was removed and the transmissions began.

- Since I knew those who operated the transmitter and allways kept myself close to the transmitting locations at the present times, I was suspected by the police.

Did only help

The troubadour admitted that he had taken part in the transmissions:

- I only helped carrying the equipment to the roof.

When he was caught in May, he was sitting in a flat in Söder.

- I was quite alone and was about to switch off the transmitter.

- We knew very well what we were doing, but we wanted to put the determinations of the radio monopoly and Radio Sweden under discussion.

The woman who let them use her flat admitted that she knew what Radio 88 was doing and who was participating.

In his conclusion, the prosecutor claimed that the three had to be condemned for acting against the radio determinations.

- The transmission's contents may not be so important, but when causing interference on Radio Sweden, we have to take legal action.

- Only a vague insinuation, replied the defence. There are no reports telling that Radio Sweden has been interfered.

The result of the prosecution will be known in 14 days.

RADIO 88 CONTINUES

Even if Tuesday's trial after last years unveiling of Radio 88, the activity has not stopped.

- We had lent out our transmitter one of the people involved said.

According to informations, even some GPO people shall have procured supporter shirts with commercial for Radio 88 which are for sale - legally.

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